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Aloha Assets Community,

I want to share a change in our COVID policy regarding quarantine rules.

I also want to apologize because I know how difficult it is to keep track of multiple COVID policies. We do not like changing policies so quickly but as soon as we issued our back-to-school protocols, the CDC changed their quarantine guidance, and the Hawaii DOH adopted the same. Our latest update aligns with the newest guidance and results in an even simpler policy.

These new practices are effective immediately.

What Changes:

- **COVID Outside-of-School Exposure Policy.** The former policy differentiated between exposures that occurred on campus versus those that occurred off campus (i.e. at home, at a party, or sports practice). The new policy has one exposure protocol, regardless of where it occurred.
- **Being Up-to-Date with COVID Vaccination Policy.** The former policy required those who were not up to date with their COVID vaccinations, *and* had an out of school exposure, to quarantine for 5 days. Because the CDC and HODOH have dropped their quarantine recommendation, being “up to date” is consequently no longer a feature in our response. As shared above and detailed below, we will treat all exposures the same, regardless of where it occurred and someone’s vaccination status.

Despite this change, it is important to note that the HODOH states, “Staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccination is the most important strategy,” when listing mitigation measures to stop the spread of COVID. We continue to encourage you to be aware of [what the CDC considers being up to date](#) with your vaccinations.

What Does NOT Change

Nothing else changes. We will continue to follow all the previous, non-quarantine-related guidance. As a reminder:

- **Stay Home If You Are Sick.** Please stay home and consult with your physician if your child is feeling ill. We will continue to send students home who are displaying symptoms of illness.
- **Contact Tracing.** We will still contact trace whenever there is a school-based positive case in our community and notify you if your child is a close contact.
- **COVID Reporting.** You must notify Assets if your child tests positive for COVID or has been exposed to COVID.
- **Testing Recommendation.** We continue to highly recommend all close contacts test themselves for COVID five (5) full days after an exposure.
- **Assets Covid Response Team.** We know it's difficult to remember all the COVID protocols. If you have any questions or need to report a COVID positive test or exposure, please contact us:
 - K8 students: K8covid@assets-school.org
 - High school students: HScovid@assets-school.org

Please see below for full details on the new quarantine protocols.

Aloha,
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Head of School

Isolation and Quarantine Protocols

Scenario	Action
<p>COVID POSITIVE</p> <p>Student/staff tests positive, <i>regardless of vaccination status.</i></p>	<p>Isolate at home for at least 5 days.</p> <p>Can return to school when ALL of the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five (5) full days have passed since symptoms first appeared or, if asymptomatic, 5 days after the positive test was collected: and 2. 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever reducing medications; and 3. Symptoms have improved; also 4. Must wear a well-fitting mask around others from Day 6 to Day 10. The individual may remove their mask if they provide proof of a negative antigen test result after Day 5. <p>Individuals unable or unwilling to wear a mask and have tested positive should remain in isolation for 10 days.</p> <p>No one should return to campus or extracurriculars until the Assets Covid Response Team confirms the above and clears the individual to return.</p>
<p>COVID POSITIVE</p> <p>Student/staff participates in “high risk extracurriculars.”</p>	<p>These are activities that are high-risk for disease transmission and do not allow for mask usage (i.e. indoor or close-contact sports, singing, playing wind instruments).</p> <p>Assets alone decides what activities fall in this category.</p> <p>The individual who tested positive, regardless of vaccination status, should remain out of these activities until 10 days have passed since symptom onset or the test was collected.</p> <p>The individual could return earlier than Day 11 if they provide proof of a negative antigen test result.</p> <p>No one should return to campus or extracurriculars until the Assets Covid Response Team confirms the above and clears the individual to return.</p>

COVID EXPOSURE

Student/staff is considered a close contact from an exposure that occurred on or off campus.

Quarantine is not required for any type of exposures, regardless of vaccination status.

Individuals who have been exposed may remain on campus if the following criteria are met:

1. Notify the Assets Covid Response Team of the exposure,
2. Remain asymptomatic,
3. Wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors for 10 full days.

Get tested, if possible, at least 5 full days after exposure.

If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate, notify the Assets Covid Response Team, and get tested.